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CHAIRMAN NAMES GENERAL COUNSEL FOR COMMISSION

Chairman Curt L. Hébert, Jr. announced today that Kevin P. Madden will become General Counsel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission effective immediately.

Mr. Madden has held a number of key positions at the Commission and has previously served as an attorney advisor and trial attorney in the Office of General Counsel (OGC). He most recently served as Deputy Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates (OMTR), where he played a central role in the Commission's initiatives on regional transmission organizations (RTOs) in the bulk power markets and Order No. 637, which was designed to create greater competition in natural gas markets.

Chairman Hébert commented: "I chose Mr. Madden from a large field of potential candidates both outside and within the Commission. He has a proven track record of success in dealing with legal, policy, technical and management issues at the highest levels of the Commission. His experience in shaping the most important Commission initiatives is rivaled only by his understanding of the directions in which I wish to take the Commission and his outstanding leadership skills. His contributions will be crucial to our future achievements, especially during this critical juncture of electric markets."

Prior to joining OMTR in 1999, Mr. Madden had been Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) since 1988. During this time, he oversaw all of the Commission's gas and oil initiatives and led its efforts in Order No. 636 to restructure the gas industry. He also served as interim Director of the Office of Hydropower Licensing.

Mr. Madden joined the Commission in 1980 and served in a number of positions in the Office of General Counsel before becoming legal advisor, senior legal advisor and

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chief of staff to Chairman Martha Hesse.

A native Washingtonian, Mr. Madden received a B.A. degree from the University of Maryland in 1974 and a J.D. degree from George Mason University in 1980. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Virginia State Bar.

Mr. Madden, who is married and has a son, lives in Kensington, Maryland.

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